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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of Sonic, a small independent ISP. They provide much better service than my only alternatives: AT&T and Comcast. I was an AT&T DSL customer for several years; Sonic is much more reliable and provides faster service through their use of two DSL lines.

This competition is essential for good customer service. However, small ISPs like Sonic absolutely rely on access to the existing copper wire infrastructure. The FCC must continue to require large companies to lease their copper to other companies. Broadband service in the U.S. is already slower and more expensive than in many other countries. For the FCC to drop the leasing requirement will make Internet access in the U.S. worse, not better. This change must not be made.

Thanks for your attention.

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